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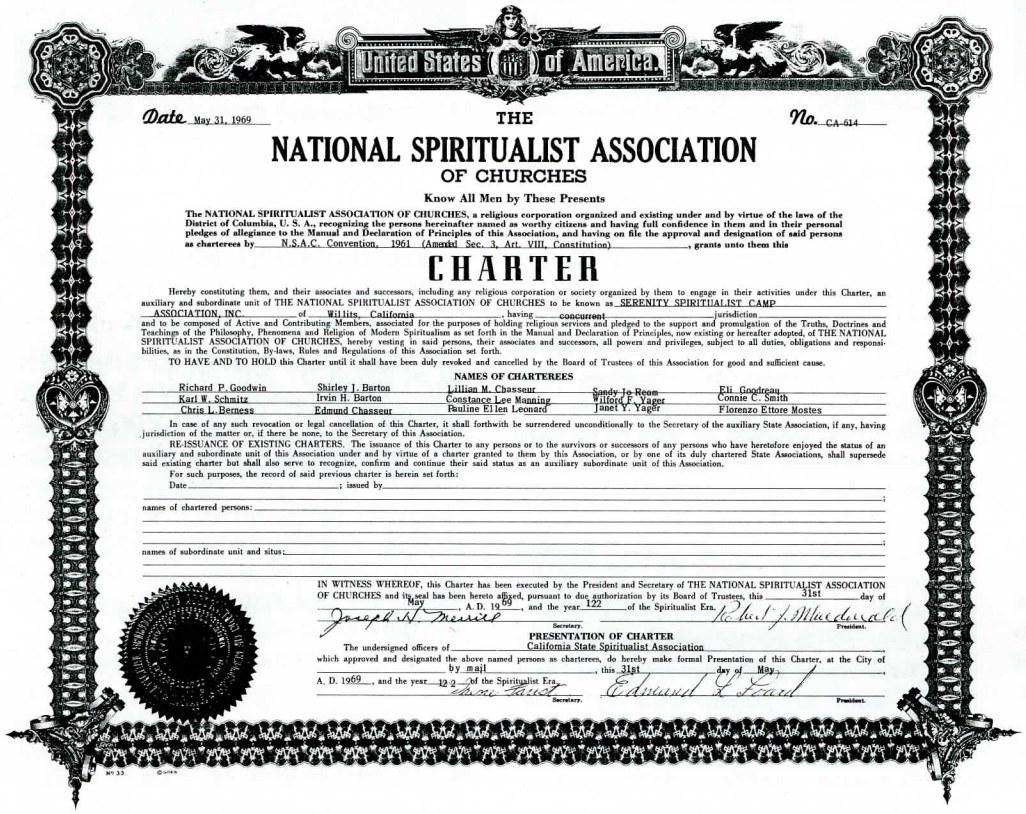

United States of America

Date May 31, 1969 — No. CA-614

THE

NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
OF CHURCHES

Know All Men by These Presents

The NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES, a religious corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the District of Columbia, U. S. A., recognizing the persons hereinafter named as worthy citizens and having full confidence in them and in their personal pledges of allegiance to the Manual and Declaration of Principles of this Association, and having on file the approval and designation of said persons as charterees by N.S.A.C. Convention, 1961 (Amended Sec. 3, Art. VIII, Constitution), grants unto them this

CHARTER

Hereby constituting them, and their associates and successors, including any religious corporation or society organized by them to engage in their activities under this Charter, an auxiliary and subordinate unit of THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES to be known as SERENITY SPIRITUALIST CAMP ASSOCIATION, INC. of Willits, California having concurrent jurisdiction and to be composed of Active and Contributing Members, associated for the purposes of holding religious services and pledged to the support and promulgation of the Truths, Doctrines and Teachings of the Philosophy, Phenomena and Religion of Modern Spiritualism as set forth in the Manual and Declaration of Principles, now existing or hereafter adopted, of THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES, hereby vesting in said persons, their associates and successors, all powers and privileges, subject to all duties, obligations and responsibilities, as in the Constitution, By-laws, Rules and Regulations of this Association set forth.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD this Charter until it shall have been duly revoked and cancelled by the Board of Trustees of this Association for good and sufficient cause.

NAMES OF CHARTEREES

Richard P. Goodwin, Shirley J. Barton, Lillian M. Chasseur, Sandy Jo Reom, Eli Goodreau
Karl W. Schmitz, Irvin H. Barton, Constance Lee Manning, Wilford F. Yager, Connie C. Smith
Chris L. Berness, Edmund Chasseur, Pauline Ellen Leonard, Janet Y. Yager, Florenzo Ettore Mostes

In case of any such revocation or legal cancellation of this Charter, it shall forthwith be surrendered unconditionally to the Secretary of the auxiliary State Association, if any, having jurisdiction of the matter or, if there be none, to the Secretary of this Association.

RE-ISSUANCE OF EXISTING CHARTERS. The issuance of this Charter to any persons or to the survivors or successors of any persons who have heretofore enjoyed the status of an auxiliary and subordinate unit of this Association under and by virtue of a charter granted to them by this Association, or by one of its duly chartered State Associations, shall supersede said existing charter but shall also serve to recognize, confirm and continue their said status as an auxiliary subordinate unit of this Association.

For such purposes, the record of said previous charter is herein set forth:

Date _____; issued by _____

names of chartered persons: _____

names of subordinate unit and situs: _____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Charter has been executed by the President and Secretary of THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES and its seal has been hereto affixed, pursuant to due authorization by its Board of Trustees, this 31st day of May, A. D. 1969, and the year 122 of the Spiritualist Era.

Joseph H. Messer, Secretary. — Robert J. Macdonald, President.

PRESENTATION OF CHARTER

The undersigned officers of California State Spiritualist Association which approved and designated the above named persons as charterees, do hereby make formal Presentation of this Charter, at the City of by mail, this 31st day of May, A. D. 1969, and the year 122 of the Spiritualist Era.

Mae Tarr, Secretary. — Edmund L. Ford, President.

Camp Serenity was granted its Ecclesiastical Charter, from the National Spiritualist Association of Churches, on May 31, 1969. It is the earnest prayer of the Board of Directors and members of Camp Serenity that we may always be true to duty and maintain the highest Spiritual standards and qualities represented by this Charter.

Camp Anthem

SPIRIT OF SERENITY
In the heart of nature
Smiles the love of God
With His arms wide open
He welcomes all to trod.

Patiently we seek Thee
Amongst hills and vales
When to Pause a moment
We'll meet Thee on the trails.

Creatures of the forest
Play amongst the trees
While the doves of heaven
Watch over lakes and seas.

Chorus

Spirit of Serenity, your kindness, love and care
Are blessings truly rare,
They make me know my God is so, as Angels trod so near
Spirit of Serenity, The Golden Age is here.

Board of Directors

Serenity Spiritualist Camp Assoc., Inc. N.S.A.C.

Richard P. Goodwin . . . . . President
Edmund Chasseur . . . . . Vice-President
Karl W. Schmitz . . . . . Treasurer
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Jan Yager . . . . . Recording Secretary

Camp Serenity · Its Plans and Purpose

The specific and primary purpose of Camp Serenity is to teach and to sponsor classes, symposiums, seminars and conferences; representing the science, philosophy and religion of Spiritualism, as these concepts concern the nature of man, the universe and of God and the relationship between them, leading to a sense of unity in peoples conscious, promoting brotherhood among all races, creeds and persons.

It is also to promote and encourage the study of the science, philosophy and religion of Spiritualism and all related subjects which pertain to the nature of man at all levels and his relationship with God, using all available means of mass and individual communication to attain this goal. Also to sponsor and support financial and endowment programs and activities which may be deemed appropriate or desirable to encourage those deemed worthy of such assistance and facilities offered by Camp Serenity.

The object of Camp Serenity is the study of the phenomena, the promotion of the science, and the promulgation of the philosophy and religion of Spiritualism.

Under the guiding influence of Spirit loved ones, Camp Serenity was organized August 20, 1968. After a seven year period of President Richard P. Goodwin, seeing this Spiritual vision, the first social in the interest of building this beautiful Camp was given on September 21, 1968. The land was purchased on December 8, 1968, and the Camp was Incorporated on January 20, 1969, dedicating its total assets irrevocably to the National Spiritualist Association of Churches.

Its monthly publication, The Serenity Sentinel, was first published in February 1969. Through the mediumship of President Goodwin, Spirit promised that The Sentinel would remain solvent if he would give weekly Seminars on the Religion of Modern Spiritualism. The first issue of The Sentinel and The Camp Anthem, "Spirit of Serenity," were presented to the

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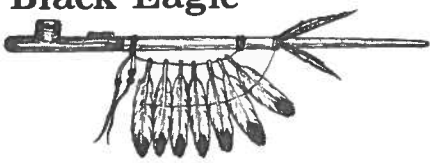
Mr. and Mrs. Kay White and C. S. President Richard P. Goodwin.

Prayers of Black Eagle



Spirit Guide of
Rev. H. Gordon Burroughs

Draw me closer to Thee, O Father. Protect me from the worst within myself, and may I know all of Thy love that I can grasp. May I never turn from Thee or look back, but straight ahead where Light and Wisdom are.

Declaration of Principles N.S.A.C.

WE BELIEVE THAT THE HIGHEST MORALITY IS CONTAINED IN THE GOLDEN RULE: "WHATSOEVER YE WOULD THAT OTHERS SHOULD DO UNTO YOU, DO YE ALSO UNTO THEM."

This precept we believe to be true. It points the way to harmony, peace and happiness. Wherever tried it has proven successful and when fully understood and practiced, will bring peace and happiness to man on earth.

THE REDWOOD CHURCH
N. S. A. C.
Science Philosophy Religion
Devotional Services
Sun. 10:45 A.M.
Rev. Clyde Dibble
Pastor
149 Clinton St. Redwood City, Calif.
Public Cordially Invited

The Harvest of Faith

Staff Reporter

Up, up and over the top we went in our fund raising campaign for the building of the Chapel of Awareness at Camp Serenity.

We wouldn't have topped our goal without the help and aid of Connie and Ed Wood, who graciously held a social in their Antique Shop in Forest Knolls on the 17th of May. The necessary finale, which pushed us over the top, was made possible through the generosity of Gail and Kay White, Life Members of Camp Serenity, who opened their home May 31st to host a social. Among the guests at this affair were the Reverend Wallace Irwin and his lovely wife Vi. As many of you know, Reverend Irwin is the co-pastor of the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church in San Francisco.

The Chapel of Awareness was erected in June, complete with stained glass windows and ruby red carpeting. With the help of all those attending our fund-raising socials; as well as the help of other donors, we were able to install a beautiful bell in the belfrey. On Dedication Day, July 4th, memorial plaques will be placed on the "Loving Memory Wall" at the east end of the Chapel.

Camp Serenity is most grateful to all who have given so freely of their time, both in person and by letter.

CAMP SERENITY Continued

public at the Redwood Church on February 2, 1969.

The Chapel of Awareness, the first building at Camp Serenity, is located on the side of a hill overlooking the Camp. It is constructed of white fir logs with a cedar shake roof, which blends in naturally with the surrounding mountains.

A Loving Memory Wall is located at the east end of the Chapel, upon which will be placed beautiful hand carved redwood plaques for loved ones who have passed on.

With the Chapel of Awareness already completed, plans are underway for a 40 - 50 room main lodge, library, dining room and conference rooms. There will also be individual cabins for members and their guests.

Through the efforts of dedicated members and friends, Camp Serenity will continue to grow to be indeed our "Spiritual Mountain Haven."

Reverend Wallace Irwin

Harmonial Philosophy

Excerpts From Penetralia
By Andrew Jackson Davis

DO THE CHURCHES REFER MEN TO THEIR OWN INHERENT SOURCES OF KNOWLEDGE? No; the churches have not allowed mankind to rely upon inward sources of light and illumination. It is but recently that a party, relying upon the inward bosom of truth, has dared to stand out and criticize past religions. But they are quickly counted.

All the religious world, daring not to reason upon sacred questions, rests upon Perception and Testimony are, in the main, the foundation of everything which they believe or hope to realize. The religious element overrides all else when it has once trammelled the intellect. No other fanaticism is more to be feared.

Under the affatus of a religious enthusiasm, man loses all idea of self-preservation, disregards family and friends, and plunges, like Peter the Hermit, into the crusade of fanaticism, never so much as reasoning a moment upon the possibilities of self-deception.

In Loving Memory

Rick Yager	Murdock
Isa Goodwin	Al Easterday
Blanche Yager	Lew Bates
Cora C. Tackaberry	Fredrick Young

For information regarding the placement of beautifully-carved Loving Memory plaques, in the Chapel of Awareness at Camp Serenity, write Camp Serenity P. O. Box 137 Forest Knolls, Calif. 94933 or call 415-456-5979.

Telephone Talks

Staff Writer

SPIRITUAL LABOR

When a man's heart is in his work there is something holy about it.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth; and now it is up to each of us to labor in the field spread out for us.

No man is born into the world whose work is not born with him.

Each of us is a living demonstration of that which fills our hearts and thoughts.

Work is creative. It develops the worker. It is an opportunity for mental and spiritual advancement. It is the expression of the spirit, mind and body of the individual.

We think of God as the infinite Creator, eternally imparting His nature to His creation. But to man, He has given the power of creative thought - and thus the freedom of shaping his own experiences.

It is understanding our relationship to the wholeness of God's life and of our part in expressing it, that sets us free.

Oneness with God is the truth about man. Joseph B. Strauss, one of the greatest builders in the world, was ridiculed by many during his construction of the Golden Gate Bridge. It seemed that even the tides of the sea conspired to thwart his vision. But, Joseph Strauss realized that it was spiritual self reliance that saw him through.

We can follow no greater example than that of the great Wayshower: **"My Father worketh hitherto, and I work."**

THE SPIRITUAL SCIENCE OF LIFE CHURCH
N. S. A. C.
Devotional Services
Sun. 7:45 p.m.
Rudolf Gorzolla
Pastor
157 No. 4th St. San Jose, Calif.
Public Cordially Invited

Letters to M.

Dear M.

In what way can a person best unfold their latent physic abilities? D.

Dear D.

Your question is one that is often heard, as the interest in Spiritualism continues to awaken the reasoning mind. As perhaps you are well aware, that the physic abilities are a natural factor, it is wise to work with them in a natural way. The oft heard statement that a slow growth is a healthy growth, is indeed most applicable to your question.

Through daily effort of concentration and meditation, under proper guidance, we begin to have an awareness of the truth that lies deep within ourselves. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven and all things shall be added unto you." If the motive for the unfoldment of your latent physic abilities is to be a better person in order to live a better life and in so doing, make this world a better place in which to live and breathe, then as sure as night follows the day, the good that you seek shall be added unto you. However, if the motive for unfolding the physic abilities is to satisfy the senses and glorify the ego, it is most advisable not to attempt to open that door. **M.**

A CERTIFIED MEDIUM WILL ATTEMPT TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS REGARDING SPIRITUAL, PSYCHIC AND RELATED SUBJECTS.

Nature's Selective Principle

Spirit materialization, or sometimes referred to as etherealization, is indeed an amazing fact of nature. What better physical and spiritual proof could an investigator require than to see before his very eyes, under conditions and precautionary measures which would preclude the possibility of deception, the materialization of an additional form or forms that are recognizable, animate, and the intelligent personality of excarnate individuals.

By what process of nature is the fact of spirit materialization made possible? Nature's forms are but the materialized expression of invisible forces. Man cannot create life but he can assist nature to produce these forms. How, then, does man assist nature to make visible what is invisible?

This law is known as **Nature's Selective Principle.** A seed can be planted in the proper soil and by the application of heat and adequate moisture, a plant can be encouraged to grow to maturity. This means that from its environment the necessary elements and materials can be drawn to produce its growth and form. The same law of nature applies in the seance room when spirit materialization takes place. The spirit communicator, by act of will and the lowering of his own vibratory forces, becomes temporarily earthbound and attracts the forces and material substances from its surroundings or environment. This material substance, known as Ectoplasm, emanates from the bodies of the medium and the sitters and the spirit body becomes clothed in this substance and becomes visible as a separate and distinct excarnate personality. The density of the temporary form thus built will depend upon the knowledge of the spirit operator as well as the nature and quality of the forces and material substances which produces the forms.

Suzanne Bray

Open Line

Send a message to a loved one by sending your request to: **OPEN LINE,** P. O. Box 137, Forest Knolls, CA 94933.

A TRUE FRIEND

Is one who listens to all of your troubles, councils and advises. Does not become too emotionally involved . . . and keeps their mouth shut.

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The Living Telephone

By Florence Milton

Two friends met Over There one day
And began to talk in the usual way;
Then one exclaimed in vibrant tone,
"I've found a living telephone!

"It reaches back across the span
That separates us from living man;
We now may cross the great divide
And speak to those on the other side!"

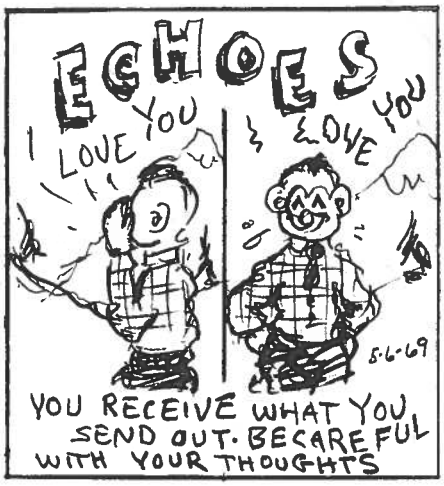
"Lead me to it!" the other said,
"I want to tell them that we're not dead!
But that we live and are happy here;
Death is something they need not fear."

The friend helped him to the phone to see,
A blessed medium it proved to be
Through whom he might hear and speak and know
His friends, as in the long ago.

He used the phone; there were no crossed wires;
It fulfilled his hopes and his heart's desires;
There were no short circuits, but direct contact;
Not a single thing had this phone lacked!

In helping him to return again
To his friends here on the old earth plane;
He praised the phone; he thought it fine
And recognized it as divine!

Then banish doubt from your human mind;
The devil could not be so kind;
Tis the work of a greater and finer force
That brings to us such intercourse!



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Church News

In the Church News article in the June issue, your Staff Reporter would like to make a correction on the date of the mass meeting to read April 27th, not May 27th, and Eli Goodreau is the Treasurer of the Brotherhood Church in Alameda. The Secretary is Anna Joseph and please accept my sincere apology for my errors.

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